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| In re application of                     | : | <b>DECISION ON PETITION</b> |
| William Edward Windham                   | : | <b>TO MAKE SPECIAL</b>      |
| Application No. 10/687,330               | : | <b>(ACCELERATED</b>         |
| Filed: October 16, 2003                  | : | <b>EXAMINATION)</b>         |
| For: PORTABLE DRESSING BLIND AND METHOD: |   |                             |
| OF USE                                   |   |                             |

This is in response to the petition filed on December 1, 2003 to make the above-identified application special on the basis of special examining procedure for certain new applications - accelerated examination as set forth in MPEP § 708.02 VIII.

The requirements for granting special status under this section are: (A) a petition to make special accompanied by the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(i); (B) all claims being directed to a single invention, or an election without traverse if the Office determines that all the claims are not directed to a single invention; (C) a statement that a pre-examination search was made listing the field of search; (D) one copy of each of the references deemed most closely related to the subject matter encompassed by the claims if said references are not already of record; and (E) a detailed discussion of how the claimed subject matter is patentable over the references in accordance with 37 CFR 1.111 (b) and (c).

The petition fails to adequately meet requirement (E) above. The petition does provide a general discussion of the cited references; however, the discussion does not make it clear how the claimed invention is patentable over the cited references in accordance with 37 CFR 1.111(b) and (c). Applicant is required to provide a more detailed discussion of how the claimed subject matter is patentable over each of the cited references.

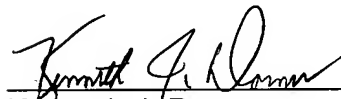
For the above stated reason, the petition is **DISMISSED**.

Petitioner is given one more opportunity to perfect the petition. Any request for reconsideration must be filed within TWO MONTHS of the date of this decision. Extensions of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a) are permitted.

**SUMMARY:** Petition to Make Special **DISMISSED**.

Applicant should promptly submit a renewed petition to the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks, Washington, D.C. 20231. The envelope should indicate that the correspondence be brought to the attention of Technology Center 3600.

Until the renewed petition is submitted, the application will be returned to the examiner's docket to await treatment on the merits in the normal order of examination.



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